

# Seattle Fire Marshal's Office

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## Construction Inspection / Plan Review Services and Fees as of January 1, 2017

### Plan Review

On January 1, 2017, plan review hourly fees are increasing to \$243 per hour to better align fees with current service costs including 20% increase in the plan review staffing head count since fees were last raised in 2015. The additional staff were added to help reduce turnaround times and better meet customer service expectations. The fees also include an additional 7% increase to partially offset the cost of replacing aging technology systems in the Fire Marshal's Office over the next five to six years. Plan review fees were last increased January 1, 2015.

### Construction Inspections

In 2017, construction inspection fees are increasing by approximately 17.5%, to better align fees with current service costs including an increase in inspection staff head count since fees were last increased on January 1, 2015 (the team has grown from six to eight inspectors) and to provide partial funding to replace outdated business systems in the Fire Marshal's Office over the next five to six years. Specific service changes include:

### e-Plan Submittals Required by SDCI for Architectural Plans and Shop Drawings

The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) is replacing their Hansen permitting system with a new product. There will be several enhancements that should improve the customers' experience. In addition, SDCI is moving the City's building permit process fully electronic – all plans for SDCI permitted projects will need to be submitted electronically, with the approved/stamped paper copy available for City inspectors at the job site. This includes shop drawings for sprinklers, fire alarms, and other fire protection systems that require plan submittal as part of the SDCI permit process. SDCI currently estimates moving to the new permit system on February 21, 2017. For more information, see their [website](#).

### Clarification of Overtime Inspection Cancellation Guidelines

To help us provide inspection time slots to customers who are ready and able to use them, a fee will be added if overtime inspections are not cancelled in writing by 9 am on the business day prior to the scheduled inspection. To cancel an inspection, send an email with inspection date, time, location, and type to [SFD\\_FMO\\_OT\\_Inspections@seattle.gov](mailto:SFD_FMO_OT_Inspections@seattle.gov) with "cancel" in the subject line.

The 2017 construction inspection service fees are summarized in the table below:

Inspection Service	2017 Inspection Fee
Fire Alarm Systems	\$543 plus \$5.43 per device > 6 devices
Fire Alarm Systems with more than 6 devices and no new control panel installation or major modification to system	\$273 plus \$5.43 per device > 6 devices
Fire Sprinkler Systems	\$328, plus \$3.28 per sprinkler head > 6 sprinkler heads
Fire Extinguishing System - Pre-Engineered or Rangehood	\$233 each
Standpipe	\$233 each, plus \$5 per landing with PRVs (pressure reducing valves)
Fire Pump	\$233 per pump
Sprinkler System Supply Main	\$289

Tenant Improvement (TI) Inspection without modification of fire protection systems, or TI with 6 or less sprinkler heads and 6 or less fire alarm devices	\$208
Emergency Responder Radio System Coverage – Systems Testing	\$208 per hour, one hour minimum
Request for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy recommendation	\$248 plus time charge* for all related inspection and review.
Failed/Missed Inspection Fee	\$227 hour, one hour minimum
* The time charge shall be equal to actual labor costs including any applicable administrative overhead.	

**For more information,** please call our office at 206-386-1450 and ask to speak with the Engineering Lieutenant or the Plan Review Supervisor. Thank you for your business and we wish you a safe and successful 2017.